

43
2177 ~~278331~~
2/21/01

520.33330CC3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. TSUCHIDA, et al

Serial No.: 09/665,448

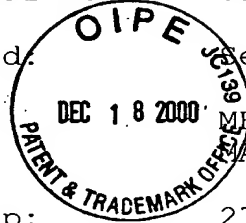
Filed: September 19, 2000

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF DATABASE DIVISIONAL
MANAGEMENT FOR PARALLEL DATABASE SYSTEM

Group: 2777

Examiner: J. Corrielus

RECEIVED
DEC 26 2000
Technology Center 2100



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 2000

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of
the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 40-91 as follows:

-- 40. A database management method comprising the steps
of:

defining a correspondence between a plurality of key
ranges and a plurality of data storage areas in a storage
device;

12/20/2000 CV0111 00000207 09665448

01 FC:199 3776.00 OP